

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An information processing apparatus connected to a bus of a single bus system together with firstother information processing meansapparatuses comprising:
a bus inputting terminal connected to the bus;
another inputting terminal directly connected to second information processing means,
wherein the second information processing means can be isolated from the bus;
a selecting device for selectively inputting ~~the~~-input information supplied from a plurality of input sources;
an acquisition device for acquiring firstspecified information for specifying the firstother information processing meansapparatuses connected through the bus; and
a setting device for setting one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses in place of-replacing one of the plurality of the input sources, the input sources being for second information processing means, as an alternative in the selecting device, based on the acquired firstspecified information.

2. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first notification device for notifying the firstspecified information corresponding to the selected one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses when the one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses set as one of the alternatives is selected actually as the input source; and

a second notification device for notifying the one of the input sources replaced by the currently selected one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses, in parallel with the notification by the first notification device.

3. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a notification device for notifying only the firstspecified information corresponding to the firstother information processing meansapparatuses supplied with the input information when the input information from the firstother information processing meansapparatuses not set as the alternative is input through the bus.

4. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the setting device includes:

an extraction device for extracting, based on the acquired firstspecified information, only those of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses meeting the conditions selectable as one of the alternative among the plurality of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses in setting one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses as the one of the alternatives; and

a display device for displaying only the extracted firstother information processing meansapparatuses.

5. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a storage device for storing the acquired firstspecified information.

6. (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the bus is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394 standard.

7. (currently amended): An information processing method executed by an information processing apparatus connected to a bus of a single-one bus system together with firstother information processing meansapparatuses, the information processing apparatus comprising a bus inputting terminal connected to the bus and another inputting terminal directly connected to second information processing means, wherein the second information processing means can be isolated from the bus, the method comprising:

a selecting process for selectively inputting the input information supplied to each of the information processing apparatuses from each of a plurality of input sources;

an acquisition process for acquiring the firstspecified information for specifying the firstother information processing meansapparatuses connected through the bus; and

a setting process for setting the one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses, as an alternative in the selecting process, in place of any one of the plurality

of the input sources, the input sources being for the second information processing means, based on the acquired firstspecified information.

8. (currently amended): ~~A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing a sequence of instructions, and which executed by a computer included in an information processing apparatus connected to a bus of a single one bus system together with first other information processing means apparatuses, the information processing apparatus comprising a bus inputting terminal connected to the bus and another inputting terminal directly connected to second information processing means, wherein the second information processing means can be isolated from the bus,~~ the instructions cause the computer to function as:

a selecting device for selectively inputting the input information supplied from a plurality of input sources;

an acquisition device for acquiring firstspecified information for specifying the firstother information processing meansapparatuses connected through the bus; and

a setting device for setting one of the firstother information processing meansapparatuses in place of replacing one of the plurality of the input sources, the input sources being for the second information processing means, as an alternative in the selecting device, based on the acquired firstspecified information.